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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Action dated December 11, 2006, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is requested in light of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 and 8-11 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) on Fischer (U.S. Patent No. 6,762,852) in view of Matsuura (U.S. Patent No. 6,930,796). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has improperly relied on Matsuura to reject the claims. 35 USC 103(c)(1) states that "Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed